

What is claimed is:

1. A contents reproducing apparatus for acquiring encrypted data, reproducing image data from contents data restored from said encrypted data and displaying said image data on a browser screen of a browser, said apparatus comprising:

decryption means for decrypting said encrypted data;

memory means for temporarily storing the contents data restored by said decryption means and use restriction information of said restored contents data;

display process means for displaying the image data reproduced from said contents data stored in said memory means on said browser screen; and

contents reproduction control means for generating a browser assisting function in accordance with said use restriction information of said contents data, while inhibiting usage of a contents using function of said browser, and executing said contents using function inhibited by said browser assisting function.

2. The contents reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising use restriction control means which is activated by said contents reproduction control means and invalidates an operation signal input from input means in accordance with said use restriction information of said contents data.

3. The contents reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising an interface section to connect to a network so that said encrypted data is acquired from a server system connected to said network.

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4. The contents reproducing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising medium reading means for acquiring said encrypted data recorded in a recording medium.

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5. A contents reproduction control [~]program for allowing a computer, which acquires encrypted data stored in said saving means and displays image data reproduced from the contents data restored from said encrypted data on a browser screen of a browser, to achieve:

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an inhibition process of inhibiting usage of a contents using function generated on said browser screen based on identification information input from an input means;

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a storage process of temporarily storing contents data, restored by a decryption process of said encrypted data, and use restriction information of said restored contents data in a memory means; and

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a browser assisting function process of generating a browser assisting function on said browser screen according to said use restriction information of said contents data, and executing said inhibited contents using function by using said browser assisting function.

6. The contents reproduction control program according to claim 5, wherein said identification information are composed of a user ID and a password.

5 7. The contents reproduction control program according to claim 5, wherein said use restriction information includes plural pieces of use restriction information registered user by user.

10 8. A contents reproduction control program for allowing a computer to achieve:

 a process of acquiring encrypted data stored in saving means;

 an authentication process of collating identification
15 information input from an input means with prestored identification information to discriminate permission or inhibition of usage by a user who has input said identification information;

 an inhibition process of inhibiting usage of a contents
20 using function generated on a browser screen based on the result of the description performed in said authentication process;

 a storage process of temporarily storing contents data, and use restriction information of said restored contents
25 data, which are restored by a decryption process of said encrypted data in memory means;

 a display process of reproducing image data from said

contents data stored in said memory means and displaying
said image data on said browser screen; and

a browser assisting function process of generating a
browser assisting function according to said use restriction
5 information of said contents data, and executing said
inhibited contents using function by using said browser
assisting function.

9. The contents reproduction control program according
10 to claim 8, wherein said identification information are
composed of a user ID and a password.

10. The contents reproduction control program
according to claim 8, wherein said use restriction
15 information includes plural pieces of use restriction
information registered user by user.